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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: U-2 Operation in the Far East [redacted]

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1. A meeting was held on the above subjects in General Cabell's office on 31 December 1960 at 1500 hours. In attendance were Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Mr. FitzGerald, [redacted] and the undersigned.

2. In reference to the U-2 operation, it was stated that a clearance had been received from all members of the Special Group, including [redacted] to operate the U-2's in support of the COMOR target requirements in Indochina. The area of operation would be south of the Chinese border. Mr. Bissell received a call from [redacted] concurring in the cover story for Operation [redacted] in addition, Mr. Dulles read and concurred in the cover story for Operation [redacted]. This document, in addition to containing the cover story, also outlined specific parties that were responsible for answering specific queries in reference to the U-2 in the Far East.

3. It was also stated that the Special Group, including [redacted] [redacted] had agreed to the proposed plan to deploy [redacted]. This operation would follow along the lines of the [redacted] Operations Plan. It was stated that [redacted] and Detachment 2 would support this operation. Also included in this clearance was the requirement to bring eight aircraft immediately to combat-ready status. However, only two aircraft were to be deployed at this time; the remaining aircraft would be retained [redacted].

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